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## FIRST QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION

**Charleston, West Virginia** – Milk production in West Virginia totaled 36 million pounds or 4.2 million gallons during the January - March quarter of 2016. This was unchanged from the same period in 2015, but up 2 million pounds or 233,000 gallons from the October - December 2015 quarter. The number of dairy cows averaged 9,000 head, unchanged from the same period in 2015, but up 500 head from the previous quarter.

**United States** – Milk production in the United States during the January - March quarter totaled 53.0 billion pounds, up 2.1 percent from the January - March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.32 million head, 5,000 head less than the October - December 2015 quarter, but 7,000 head more than the same period last year.

*Note: A conversion of 8.6 pounds per gallon was used.*

## Monthly Milk Production – 23 Selected States

Million pounds

